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Enclosed are:

- 26 pages of specification, claims, abstract.
- Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- Priority Claimed.
- Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-343447
- 2 sheets of formal drawing.
- An assignment of the invention to _____
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